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L.A. Controller Recommends Greater
Transparency & Accountability at Zoo

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L.A. Controller Ron Galperin this week recommended a series of short and long-term changes for the Los Angeles Zoo (Zoo) and the independent entity that serves as its official support organization, the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA).

The Controller's report calls for increased transparency and accountability at GLAZA, a not-for-profit that exists to support the zoo and is made up of paid staff and a volunteer board dedicated to managing membership, concessions, fundraising and marketing. The Controller also recommended consolidating and clarifying multiple governance agreements and better tracking performance

"Amid staffing shortages, infrastructure challenges and budget limitations the Los Angeles Zoo has fostered an appreciation for wildlife and educated generations of young people and adults," L.A. Controller Ron Galperin said.

"But more can done to go beyond the status quo. The question is not whether change is needed at the zoo, but what form it will take. By implementing my recommendations, the zoo will best be able to ensure the welfare of the zoo's diverse and unique plants and animals so future generations of animal lovers can continue enjoying one of L.A.'s most beloved places."

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Council Adopts Controller's Accessibility Measures

Last week, Councilmember David Ryu and the City Council adopted a series of recommendations to increase accessibility throughout Los Angeles.

The recommendations, following an audit from the Controller on the Department on Disability, called for a more systematic, citywide approach to enhance the Department's

effectiveness and improve the City's compliance with disability laws.

"We are now one step closer towards ensuring greater accessibility and inclusion," Controller Galperin said.

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A Visit to Fire Station 9

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Fire Station 9, in the heart of Downtown L.A., is one of the busiest LAFD stations in the country. Last year, the men and women who work at this station responded to more than 19,000 incidents, an average of 52 a day.

All told, Fire Station 9 is the second busiest station in the country and ground zero for a response to homelessness in L.A. During his visit, Controller Galperin saw Los Angeles through the eyes of firefighters who each day who work tirelessly to protect our community.

Yom Hashoah

The world honored the 12 million victims of the Holocaust last week during the annual commemoration known as Yom Hashoah.

Controller Galperin, whose father survived a death camp, spoke about honoring the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust by standing up to all forms of discrimination and hatred so we may truly realize a future where such tragedy occurs.

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Over the past few weeks, Controller Galperin spent time travelling around Los Angeles, supporting organizations working to leave a positive impact on our community. He celebrated Earth Day by planting trees around Griffith Park and stopped by L.A. Sanitation's festival in Highland Park to discuss ways the City can make the best use of our most precious resources. He also joined <https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=ba32f25882&e=d6704bb280> Jewish World Watch <https://lacontroller.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0689bc999e6529efb2132dd1e&id=c0bfd6271f&e=d6704bb280> in the Walk to End Genocide to raise awareness of atrocities happening throughout the world.

General Audit Management Conference Las Vegas

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Last month, Siri Khalsa and Cynthia Varela from my Audit Services Division attended the General Audit Management (GAM) conference in Las Vegas, which drew more than 1,500 professionals from all around the world. This premier annual event is meant to provide an opportunity for industry leaders to share their perspectives on how to best position audit leaders so they can better serve their organizations. Siri and Cynthia brought back best practices so that my office can better serve Los Angeles.

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